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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject-matter which is claimed and for which a United States patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which: is attached hereto
 was filed on _____
as International (PCT) application no _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>FILED (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)</u>	<u>PRIORITY CLAIMED</u>
UK	0020268.9	18.8.2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) or International (PCT) application(s) designating the United States of America listed below, and, insofar as the subject-matter of any of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) as required by paragraph one of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application under 37 CFR 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or International (PCT) filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint Allen P Rosenberg (Reg No 24946), Charles W Fallow (Reg No 28946), Paul V

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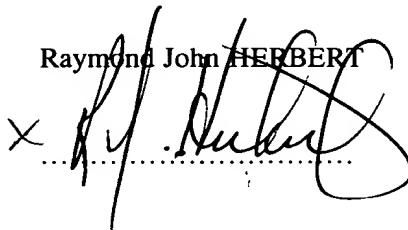
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I hereby further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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